
Fountain City Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023

Call to Order

The public meeting of the Fountain City Town Council was held at the City Building at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Attendees included Shane Shroyer, Steve Clark, Laurie Hayes, Cecil Mullins, and Michael Gray. Aubrey Crist, town attorney, was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Shroyer confirmed that everyone had read August's minutes. Clark motioned to approve August's minutes as written. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

- Public Hearing/2024 Budget – Shroyer closed the regular council meeting and opened the public hearing. McGuire stated the Notice to the Taxpayers for the 2024 Budget is as follows: General Budget Estimate - \$196,635, Max. Est. Funds to be Raised - \$169,199, Current Tax Levy - \$162,684, and Levy Percentage Difference – 4.00%; Local Road & Street Budget Estimate - \$9,450; Motor Vehicle Highway Budget Estimate - \$29,895; Cumulative Capital Imp. (Cig. Tax) Budget Estimate - \$3,475; Special Fire Protection Terr. General Budget Estimate - \$96,930, Max. Est. Funds to be Raised - \$108,665, Current Tax Levy - \$104,469, and Levy Percentage Difference – 4.02%; and Special Fire Protection Terr. Equip. Replacement Budget Estimate - \$26,500, Max. Est. Funds to be Raised - \$22,440, Current Tax Levy - \$22,440, and Levy Percentage Difference – 0.00%. The only question was where the police department's funds are located. They are included in the General Fund. Gray motioned to adjourn the public hearing. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Shroyer reopened the regular meeting.
- Cen*Sor Representative – Rick Blunk from Cen*Sor Security was present to introduce himself and the company, which is located in Cambridge City. He retired from Koorsen after 34 years due to some conflicts, then went back to work for Cen*Sor. He believes that they can save the town some money. He will prepare a quote for the same service we get from Koorsen.
- Take Home Policy – McGuire confirmed that council received an emailed copy of the Take Home Policy. This policy is for Marshal Martin and the police truck, which is required by the SBOA. Marshal Martin has read it and agrees with it. Gray motioned to accept the Take Home Policy. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Amended Salary Ordinance – McGuire confirmed that council received an emailed copy of the Amended Salary Ordinance with the changes highlighted, which are the hiring of the two new employees and Parrett's raise. Mullins motioned to accept the Amended Salary Ordinance. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Cintas Contract – McGuire confirmed that council received an emailed copy of the prices for the Cintas contract. There were some questions about pricing listed. McGuire explained that one quote is for just keeping the rugs (\$92.18), another is just having uniforms without rugs (\$56.30),

and the last one is for rugs and uniforms together (\$132.43). Shroyer stated that he had talked to the employees and they were fine with getting uniforms from Cintas again. Clark motioned to accept the contract with uniforms and rugs. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business

- ADA Resolution – Shroyer informed council that a new resolution for the ADA Plan was prepared after the needed amendments to the ADA Plan. It needs to be voted on again for the application process. It is basically the same as previous version. Gray motioned to accept the resolution. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Department Reports

Water/Sewer Departments – Michael Stuckey, Doug Young, Walker Shepherd, & David Allen

- Gray read the report.

Police & Fire Department – Marshal Carey Martin & Shane Shroyer

- Marshal Martin read his report.
- Shroyer stated that the air bags came in last week and are installed.

Parks/Building & Grounds Department – Kyle Parrett

- Shroyer read the report.

Street Department – Kyle Parrett

- Gray read the report.

Financial Department – Trina McGuire

- Council was provided with the Fund with Investments and APV Register Summary Report.

Welcome Visitors

- Joanna Hahn was present to request a letter of support from the town to submit with a grant application. They are seeking federal funding for historical landmarks. McGuire told her that if Hahn would email her a letter, she will be happy to put it on town letterhead and sign it for her. Residents may submit letters of support also.
- Kathy Finney and Joyce McDonald were present again to state that she wants her yard fixed. Topsoil needs brought in and the crab grass killed. It absolutely needs restored. She understands that the project is closed but they need to come back and fix it.
- Dillion Brockman was present to express some concerns. He thinks that some of the town's ordinances are outdated and need to be updated. He stated that he has talked to other residents in town. He read a statement he had prepared concerning this issue.

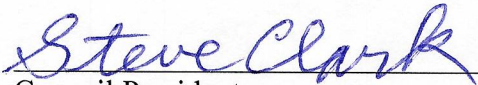
- Beth Conway was present representing the Fountain City's Lion's Club. She wanted to thank the town for their donation. She is seeking anyone interested in being a part of the parade. Anyone interested needs to contact her or the Lion's Club.
- Belinda Smith was present to discuss a septic tank issue. She has talked to the old operators and the new operators about this problem. Her septic backs up instead of going to the tank and she has had this problem since a remodel to her bathroom. She feels that this issue is on the town to fix. The new operators stated that the problem is on the homeowner.
- Keith Webster was present to inform council that there is a class taught by Mrs. Price called Community Service. They are looking for some community service projects. They want to restore and beautify the memorial for Marshal Goodwin and Deputy Peters at the park. Council has no problems with this project.
- David Oakes was present to inform council that the street signs are still not up, there is landscaping matting blocking a drain on Davis & 27, and wonders if there's something that can be done about the sidewalk in front of the 100 Building. Shroyer informed him that it had been fixed once but there is a wall below the sidewalk that's collapsing. The flags on the utility poles on 27 really need to be replaced. He appreciated the fast and courteous service by the new operators. He is also concerned with police coverage.

Claims

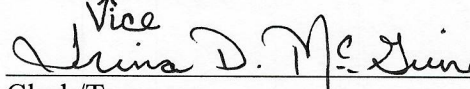
Gray motioned to approve all current claims. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

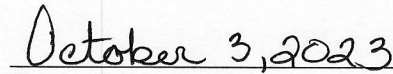
Mullins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.



Council President



Clerk/Treasurer



Date of Approval